

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendments to the claims is respectfully requested prior to an examination of the application.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 20-24. However, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 25-34 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,942,477 to NAKAMURA.

According to a feature of the instant invention, the printing start mechanism (specified in independent claim 25) and the first and second switch (specified in independent claim 30) are operable in accordance with one of a first operation and a second operation that differs from the first operation.

Applicant submits that at least this feature is lacking from NAKAMURA. In particular, Applicant submits that while NAKAMURA discloses a first button that sequentially sets a photography mode and a reproduction mode, NAKAMURA fails to disclose/suggest a plurality of operations of the first button to set the photography mode with a subsequent reproduction mode. Accordingly, Applicant submits that NAKAMURA fails to disclose (or even suggest) that both the first operation and the second operation can be used to set the photography mode and reproduction mode, and only one of the first and second operations is necessary to set the photography mode and the reproduction mode.

By the current amendment, Applicant herewith amends independent claims 25 and 30 to clarify the above-discussed feature. In view of the current amendment, Applicant submits that the ground for the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of claims 25-34 no longer exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this ground of rejection, to confirm the allowability of the pending claims, and to pass this application to issue.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

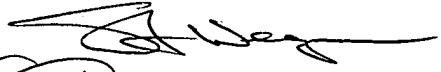

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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